

February 2

Matthew 16:24, 25

**“Losing Life —
Finding LIFE”**

²⁴ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. ²⁵ For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

In light of the quickly
declining political
climate in various parts
of the world, I'm
beginning to see these
words in a more realistic
way—a more
RIGHT NOW way.

In past history and
presently, especially in
countries where there
is overt persecution of
Believers, people are
faced with losing

their lives for the
sake of Christ.

If, or when the time
comes, would you have
all your possessions
taken, be imprisoned,
or killed in order to be
faithful to Christ?

Are you willing to be
separated from your
spouse, parents,
children, or friends
to “find life”?

Would you literally
lose your physical
life for Christ's sake
in order to find
true life in
eternity with him?

Would you accept a
mark, chip, or any
device implanted into
your head or hand,
for example, to avoid
being financially
destitute or physically
imprisoned?

What's the farthest you
would go to maintain
the ability to function
in this world?

Would you openly reject
Christ to continue
earthly survival?

These are the choices
many have had, do have,
and will, in the future,
have in connection with
the principle of finding
life and losing life.

These aren't fictitious or
conspiracy theory

concepts. They aren't
light decisions either.
They are having to be
made at this very
moment in various
places of the world and
such choices will be
made by more people in
more parts of the world.

Consequences of
decisions regarding
losing life and
finding LIFE, real and
everlasting,
may be eternal.